



Tech spec

Cube Nuroad Pro FE

Price: £1,399.

Sizes: XS, S, M (tested), L, XL.

Weight: 13kg/28.6lb (M, without pedals).

Frame & fork: 6061 T6 aluminium frame with pressfit bottom bracket, 12x142mm thru-axle, mounts for mudguard, rack and 3 bottles. Cube Nuroad full-carbon, tapered fork with 12x100mm thru-axle and mounts for mudguard and low-rider rack.

Wheels: 40-622 Schwalbe G-One Comp tyres, ACID Pro GR 2.5 Disc wheels, 28/28 14g spokes, Shutter PD-7-07 front dynamo hub.

Transmission: 170mm Shimano Cues FC-U6030-1 chainset, 40t chainring, Shimano Pressfit BB, KMC xGlide chain, Shimano Cues CS-LG400 11-50t cassette, Shimano Cues ST-U6030 levers and RD-U6000-GS derailleur. 11 ratios, 22-102in.

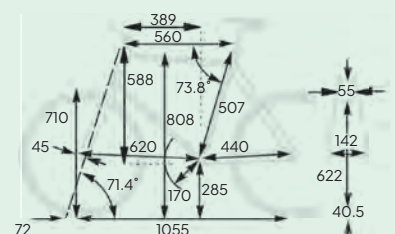
Braking: Shimano Cues U6030 hydraulic discs, 180/160mm front/rear rotors.

Steering & seating: 420x31.8mm Cube Gravel Race bar, 90mm Cube stem, VP Z-t tapered headset, ACID Venec Lite saddle, 27.2mm Cube Performance post.

Equipment: ACID kickstand, mudguards, rear rack, Pro-D 50 CMPT front light and mudguard rear light.

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Dimensions in millimetres and degrees



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A fully equipped German all-rounder designed to tackle rough roads, light gravel and big days out with equal aplomb. Reviewed by Simon Withers

The Cube Nuroad is an all-roads bike that could cover a multitude of disciplines, from commuting to touring on poor surfaces and even the occasional off-road excursion. This FE version comes fully equipped out of the box, with rack, mudguards, kickstand and dynamo lighting.

Frame and fork

It's what you'd expect at this price: an aluminium frame and a full-carbon fork. It's all neatly done and it's good to see that Cube has specified thru-axles, which make the most of the hydraulic disc brakes.

The frame has three pairs of bottle bosses and there are low-rider mounts on the fork. I'm particularly impressed with how well Cube has integrated the mudguards and rack. It looks like the package was conceived as a whole rather than the extras being an afterthought. The bottle cage threads even came already greased, something I've only encountered on bikes from Cube.

The geometry is longer than a road bike's, with a wheelbase of 1,055mm;

Top: Although it has a single chainring, a wide-range 11-50 cassette means the bottom gear is lower (22in) than some tourers with triples

a tourer might be a few centimetres longer, a road bike around 5cm shorter. This puts the Nuroad Pro FE firmly in all-roads/light tourer/gravel bike territory. One bike for all seasons and various reasons.

While I'm not generally a fan of huge shouty logos on bikes, I would have preferred Cube's logos to have been a bit larger as they're reflective. With the tyres not having reflective strips, more nighttime conspicuity would have been useful.

Components

This is the first time I've used Shimano Cues, which the Japanese giant has introduced to replace a whole swathe of its lower- to mid-tier groupsets. And just as with the groupsets it's superseding, Cues works very well and without fuss.

The single 40t chainring is paired with a super-wide 11-50t cassette for a 22-102in gear range. There are always going to be trade-offs with a 1x setup, but I think Shimano has hit the gear-range sweet spot for most of us, most of the time. →